

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 254
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Billy Mayfield on being inducted into the TSSAA Coaching Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in specially recognizing and paying tribute to those coaches who, through their many years of expertise and victory, have earned a spot in sports history; and

WHEREAS, Billy Mayfield is one such estimable leader, having been most deservingly inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame for his many years of coaching girls' basketball; and

WHEREAS, after beginning his coaching career as an assistant football and basketball coach in 1960 at Marshall County High School, Coach Mayfield went on to become a head boys' basketball and football coach at Cornersville High School and Connelly Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Billy Mayfield accepted a position at Giles County High School coaching girls' basketball, a fortuitous decision, as he has amassed nearly 700 wins in his 34 years as Head Coach of the girls' basketball team at Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mayfield has taken many teams to the TSSAA tournament in his 40 years in the TSSAA, earning an undefeated 30-0 record and a State Championship in 1980; in addition, he has taken five teams to the final four and one other to the Class AA championship game; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Coach Mayfield was named District Coach of the Year in 1980-81, 1981-82, 1989-90, 1992-93, and 2001-02 and TACA Coach of the Year in 1985, 1990, and 1993; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his remarkable coaching abilities and knowledge of the game, Billy Mayfield was selected to coach the Tennessee All-Stars in 1995, and in 2000, he was inducted into the Martin Methodist College Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, weathering many changes in the game of basketball, including the transition in girls' basketball from six-on-six to five-on-five, Billy Mayfield has become a basketball icon in Tennessee throughout his 40 years in TSSAA, known for his work ethic, knowledge of the game, and caring attitude toward his players; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Billy Mayfield is most thankful for the love and support he shares with his wife, the former Jody Williamson, his two children, and his five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Billy Mayfield represents the ideal of a caring mentor, diligent hard worker, and exceptional coach; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to him for his many years of coaching service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Billy Mayfield on being inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame, salute his work ethic and his many accomplishments, and wish him continued success in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.